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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General (A/61/109) of 12 April 2006, the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint five members of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancies that will arise from the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz, Mr. Tang Guanging, Mr. Victor Vislykh, Ms. Deborah Wynes and Mr. Muhammad Yussuf on 31 December 2007.

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, at the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 16 November 2006, the President of the General Assembly, having consulted Member States and having drawn up a list of countries from among the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and other States, requested China, Cuba, Egypt, the Russian Federation and the United States of America to propose candidates (see annexes I-V) to serve for a period of five years beginning 1 January 2008.

3. The candidates, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 59/267 of 23 December 2004, should have experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, in addition to knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

4. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Economic and Social Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters

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addressed to them on 26 and 29 January 2007, respectively, by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes VI and VII).

5. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidates for appointment as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2008 and expiring on 31 December 2012:

Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov (Russian Federation)

Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)

Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran (Egypt)

Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)

Mr. Zhang Yishan (China)

Annex I

Letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that, as one of the countries selected to serve in the Joint Inspection Unit by the General Assembly at the 55th plenary meeting of its sixty-first session, held on 16 November 2006, the Government of China has decided to nominate Mr. Zhang Yishan for the post for the term beginning January 2008. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Zhang Yishan is enclosed herewith for your reference (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) **Liu** Zhenmin
Ambassador
Deputy Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Zhang Yishan

Mr. Zhang Yishan, born in Tianjin, China, in April 1946, is the Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. He is married and has one daughter.

Working languages

Chinese and English

Work experience

1972-1979 Staff member, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations

1979-1982 Staff member, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1984-1987 Deputy Director, then Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1988-1992 First Secretary, then Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

1992-1994 Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1994-1997 Deputy Director-General, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1997-2002 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations and other international organizations the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Preparatory Committee for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna

2002-June 2006 Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations and the Security Council

July 2006-present Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

Educational background

1964-1968 Undergraduate, English major, Beijing Foreign Studies University

1968-1972 Advanced English courses, Beijing Foreign Studies University

1982-1983 International relations and international organizations study, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, United States of America

1983-1984 Parven Fellow, major in international relations, international organizations and international law, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, United States of America

Experience closely related to the post

Actively engaged in multilateral diplomacy in the United Nations over the past 30 years and posted to all three United Nations headquarters (New York, Geneva and Vienna). While working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was in charge of United Nations affairs, attended numerous international meetings held by different organs in the political, economic, social and other fields, including security, arms control, sustainable development and labour, and became familiar with the organization and operation of all bodies in the United Nations system. Since 1972, attended 24 sessions of the General Assembly. Since 2002, delegate of China to the General Assembly and its second, third, fifth and sixth Committees and head of the Chinese delegations to Economic and Social Council meetings

Publication

Deputy Editor-in-Chief, China and the United Nations: In Commemoration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Founding of the United Nations, World Affairs Press.

Annex II

Letter dated 24 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

As you are aware, Cuba was selected to present a candidate to the Joint Inspection Unit.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that the candidate presented by the Cuban Government is Mr. Even F. Fontaine Ortiz. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Fontaine Ortiz is enclosed herewith (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Rodrigo **Malmierca Díaz**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Even Fontaine Ortiz

Nationality: Cuban

Date of birth: 20 October 1947

Place of birth: Granma Province, Cuba

Marital status: Married; three daughters

Languages: Spanish (mother tongue), English (proficient) and working knowledge of French and Russian

Education

1974 Master's degree in international relations, Higher Institute of International Relations, Havana

1979 Master's degree in Economics, University of Havana

Academic and research background

Member of the National Association of Cuban Economists

Nationally and internationally recognized lecturer in international management and administration and international economic relations

Trainer in several national courses for candidates in competitive examinations for international civil servants

Working experience

2003-present Inspector, United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

1994-2002 Executive Secretary of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

1992-1994 High-level Senior Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for administration and management; peacekeeping and related operations; programming, budgetary and human resources affairs and civil service questions

1990-1992 Deputy Director for Social and Humanitarian Affairs of the International Organizations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1986-1989 Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations in charge of economic, administrative and budgetary questions as well as technical cooperation and operational activities

1983-1985 First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations (same functions)

1978-1983 Senior Officer in the International Organizations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of administrative, budgetary, human resources and international civil service affairs

1976-1977 Officer in the Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1974-1975 Officer in the Foreign Press, Publicity and Cultural Relations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Major international meetings attended

1985-1994 Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1986-1992 Alternate representative of Cuba to the General Assembly

1982-1990 Representative of Cuba to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

1990 Representative of Cuba to the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Havana

1979-1982 Representative of Cuba to the summer sessions of the Economic and Social Council (Geneva)

1979 Representative of Cuba to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (Vienna)

1978-1982 Representative of Cuba to the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology (Geneva)

Posts held

1983 Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

1983 Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

1986 Chairman of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

1987 First Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

1987-1989 Member of the Committee of Experts of the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

Annex III

Letter dated 28 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I wish to refer to the elections held on 16 November 2006 during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly to elect five Member States from which the President of the General Assembly would receive nominations for the appointment of five inspectors to the Joint Inspection Unit for a term of five years beginning on 1 January 2008.

As you are fully aware, Egypt was among those five countries elected to fill the only vacant seat for Africa in the Joint Inspection Unit beginning on the aforementioned date. In this context, I am pleased to inform you of the decision by the Government of Egypt to submit the nomination of Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran for appointment as an inspector in the Joint Inspection Unit for the term 2008-2013. The curriculum vitae of the Egyptian nominee is enclosed herewith (see enclosure).

In light of the particular qualifications required to support the nomination of Mr. Mounir-Zahran, I wish to highlight the following salient features of his background and expertise.

Mr. Mounir-Zahran has a career as a lawyer in Egypt. During his studies at the University of Paris, he submitted a "Mémoire sur l'administration locale en Égypte" and a Ph.D. thesis on "L'Association Internationale de Développement et sa contribution au développement économique". Furthermore, as an Egyptian Foreign Service officer, he was tasked with the management of the Economic and International Organizations Departments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo. He was assigned to serve as a member of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations in New York and subsequently as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to the United Nations specialized agencies, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the World Trade Organization. His experience in the work and activities of the United Nations includes participation in the meetings of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations functional and subsidiary bodies. He was elected President of the Committee of Participants of the Global System of Trade Preferences, Chairman of the GATT Committee on Trade and Development and the GATT Council of Representatives and Contracting Parties. He served as Vice-President of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Trade and Development Board. He was also Chairman of the Government Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Labour Conference and the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization. In addition, Mr. Mounir-Zahran participated in several annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, including the meetings of the Group of 24. He also served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from 2003-2005.

The Government of Egypt believes in the relevance and significance of the work of the Joint Inspection Unit and its role in ensuring the efficiency, transparency and sound governance of the United Nations. It is out of this strong

conviction that the Government of Egypt seeks the appointment of Mr. Mounir-Zahran to the Joint Inspection Unit, particularly at a time when the United Nations is undergoing major reform and renewal efforts aimed at modernizing its operations and activities and at maintaining its relevance and centrality in meeting the requirements of contemporary multilateralism.

Based on the aforementioned qualifications and considerations, the Government of Egypt would highly appreciate it if you would favourably consider the appointment of Mr. Mounir-Zahran to the Joint Inspection Unit.

(*Signed*) Maged **Abdelaziz**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Mohamed Mounir-Zahran

Born in Cairo on 17 July 1935, married; son and daughter

Academic degrees

1956 Licence cum laude, Cairo University

1966 Doctorat d'État in public law, University of Paris

Career

1956-1958 and since 2000 Attorney-at-Law, Cairo

1958 Joined the Egyptian Diplomatic Service

Member and/or Director of the Departments of International Organizations, International Economic Affairs and Research, and the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt

1985-1989 Ambassador to Morocco

1991-1999 Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, Geneva

Assumed different responsibilities as staff member of the Egyptian Embassies/ Missions in Paris, Brussels, Washington, D.C., and New York

1989-1990 Special Envoy of the President of Egypt to the African countries and participant in the mediation between Senegal and Mauritania

1999-2001 Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Multilateral diplomacy

Represented Egypt in numerous international and regional conferences, including the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, sovereign bodies of the specialized agencies and other international organizations, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Trade Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

1992 President of the Committee of Participants of UNCTAD/GSTP, Geneva

1992 Vice-President of UNCTAD VIII, Cartagena, Colombia

1995 Chairman of the UNCTAD Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation

1998-1999 Vice-President of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board

1993 Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva

1993 President of the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

1992-1993 Special Coordinator and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency in Armaments of the Conference on Disarmament

1996 Chairman of the Legal Working Group of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament

1998 Special coordinator for the improved and effective functioning of the Conference on Disarmament

1993-1995 Chairman of the GATT Committee on Trade and Development, Chairman of the GATT Council of Representatives and Chairman of the GATT Contracting Parties, Geneva

1992-1999 Deputy Leader of the Egyptian delegation to the International Labour Conference

1996-1999 Leader of the Egyptian delegation to the Governing Council of International Labour Organization

1996-1997 Chairman of the Government Group at the Governing Board of the International Labour Organization

1997 Chairman of the Government Group at the International Labour Conference, Geneva

1997 Vice-President of the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva

1995-2001 Personal Representative of the President to the Group of 15 (G-15) developing countries

United Nations expertise

2003-2005 Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Academic, research and public affairs institutions

2000- Member of the National Council for Women and Rapporteur of its Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, Cairo

1995-2001 Member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

1995- Member of the Council of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy

1998- Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, Cairo

1999- Member of the Alexandria chapter of the International Law Association, London

1975- Member of the Egyptian Society for Economics, Statistics and Legislation, Cairo

1967- Member of the Egyptian International Law Society, Cairo

Publications

Published books in French on "L'Administration locale en Égypte", and "L'Association Internationale de Développment" and several articles in Arabic, English and French in various periodicals on economic, legal, political and security questions

Decorations

Order of the Republic, Egypt

Order of Merit, Egypt

Grand Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne, Belgium

Commander of the Order of Alawi, Morocco

Annex IV

Letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

With reference to the outcome of your consultations with Member States during the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 16 November 2006, whereby the Russian Federation was included in the list of countries that would be requested to submit the names of their candidates for the appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2008, I have the honour to present, on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, the candidature of Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov, whose curriculum vitae is enclosed herewith (see enclosure).

I am also pleased to advise you that the candidature of Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov was endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Nikolay V. Chulkov

Born 18 January 1946 in Moscow

Married; one daughter

Current position

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Representative of the Russian Federation to the Second Committee of the General Assembly

Supervises and validates all financial transactions and procurement contracts of the Mission, including the supervision of the ongoing major construction and renovation project of the Mission (the annual budget exceeds US$ 50 million), and in this context liaises with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs internal auditors and the Auditor-General of the Russian Federation

Previous positions and activities

2000-2004 Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Responsible for formulating the Government's policy and approaches with regard to the Second Committee of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Food Programme (WFP), the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), including on issues related to budget, management, human resources and monitoring and evaluation. Moreover, was in charge of the inspection of the activities of the Russian Embassies and Permanent Missions dealing with the above-mentioned organizations, and compliance with related reporting procedures, including through periodic inspection visits. In addition, is responsible for the planning and follow-up of a number of joint Russia-UNDP and UNICEF projects implemented in the Russian Federation, including the UNDP *Human Development Report* in Russia (Director) and the country programme for the Russian Federation (2000-2003)

2002-2003	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Senior Political Adviser to the regional representative, Mitrovica Regional Headquarters. Briefed the senior regional staff with in-depth analyses on political progress and familiarized them with the diverse and complicated environment in the Mitrovica region. In addition, a multi-ethnic market project was prepared
1996-2000	Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations; responsible for social, economic and development issues, including those of the Bretton Woods institutions. Supervised and validated all financial transactions and procurement contracts of the Mission
1994-1996	Division Chief, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; responsible for the Second Committee of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations operational funds and programmes, the United Nations regional commissions, and the United Nations activities in the environmental, humanitarian and emergency fields
1989-1994	Chief of the Economic Section, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the international organizations in Vienna; dealing with UNIDO and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
1987-1989	Division Chief, Department of International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; responsible for ECE, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the European Union
1984-1987	Counsellor, Department of International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
1978-1984	First Secretary, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Thailand, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to ESCAP
1975-1978	Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
1974-1975	Third Secretary, African Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
1969-1974	Attaché, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Kenya

Educational background

1964-1969	Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Diploma in international relations
1985	Training course in international economic relations, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1988 Training Course in administrative and budgetary questions, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Delegate to major international conferences

Since 1978, participated in the sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, ESCAP, ECE, UNIDO, UNEP, WFP, FAO, UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Habitat

Millennium Summit of the United Nations (New York, 2000)

World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa, 2002)

International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, Mexico, 2002)

High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, September 2005 (2005 Summit)

Publications

"ESCAP — 40 years of cooperation", Moscow 1987

Various publications on the activities of the United Nations regional commissions and United Nations operational activities

Languages

English, Swahili

Annex V

Note verbale dated 1 December 2006 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and has the honour to inform her that the Government of the United States is presenting the candidacy of Ms. Deborah Wynes for re-election to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the term 2008-2012.

The United States was selected by the General Assembly on 16 November to submit a nominee to the Secretary-General for his consideration in filling a vacancy on the Joint Inspection Unit for the term 2008-2012. The United States presents the name of Ms. Deborah Wynes (see enclosure). Ms. Wynes currently serves on the Joint Inspection Unit and has the full confidence of the United States Government as to candidature for continued service there.

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Deborah Wynes

Mrs. Wynes was a career member of the United States Senior Executive Service who joined the United States Department of State in 1973. While working in the Department's Central Budget Office, she was responsible for the Department's congressional authorization process and worked on the formulation and justification of the Department's overall budget request to the United States Congress.

In 1978, she joined the Bureau of International Organization Affairs and worked on developing and implementing United States policies relating to budgetary, administrative and management issues of the United Nations and over 60 other international organizations.

In July 1998, she was named Director of the Office of United Nations System Administration. In that capacity, she managed the entirety of the United States Government's efforts for the management and administration of the United Nations, the United Nations affiliated agencies, the inter-American system, regional organizations and others. She was responsible for developing, formulating, coordinating, recommending and implementing United States policies regarding the budgetary and management reform of those institutions. She oversaw the development and presentation of budget requests to Congress to finance United States assessed and voluntary contributions to international organizations and programmes. She guided those requests through the budget process within the Department of State and the Office of Management and Budget and served as the supporting witness to the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs at Congressional hearings. She also served as the principal briefer to Congressional staff on all budget and finance issues relating to the United Nations and other international organizations.

Mrs. Wynes served as the United States member of the Finance Committee of the International Hydrographic Organization. She was elected to and served on the Finance Committee of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston. She has served as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture. In June 2001, she served as head of the United States delegation to the United Nations Committee for Programme and Coordination meeting.

Appointed by the United Nations General Assembly as an inspector, Mrs. Wynes began her term on the Joint Inspection Unit in January 2003. In 2004 and 2005, she was elected Vice-Chairman of the Unit and in 2006, she was elected Chairperson. In late 2006, she was re-elected Chairperson for 2007.

Mrs. Wynes was the recipient of numerous Superior Honour awards throughout her career and in 2002 was awarded the President's Rank Award for Meritorious Executive Service.

Mrs. Wynes holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and a diploma from the National War College.

Annex VI

Letter dated 5 February 2007 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour of writing to you in response to your letter of 26 January 2007 regarding consultations held with the Chairmen of the regional groups to appoint members to fill five vacancies on the Joint Inspection Unit that will occur on 31 December 2007.

I wish to inform you, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, and in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, that I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidates and I have the pleasure to inform you that I am in full agreement with the proposal to nominate the following candidates:

Egypt	Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran
China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
Russian Federation	Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov
Cuba	Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz
Unites States of America	Ms. Deborah Wynes

(*Signed*) Dalius **Čekuolis**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations
President of the Economic and Social Council

Annex VII

Letter dated 6 June 2007 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 29 January 2007 regarding the proposed appointment of new members to the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and following consultations with members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), I have the pleasure to inform you that, in my capacity as Chairman of CEB, I am endorsing the appointment of Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran (Egypt), Mr. Zhang Yishan (China), Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov (Russian Federation), Mr. Evan Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba) and Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America) for a five-year period ending on 31 December 2012.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Note verbale dated 3 July 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the United Nations Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to its note dated 31 May 2007 and its note dated 6 January 2007, has the honour to transmit a letter concerning the health situation of Syrian citizen Becher Al-Makat, a Syrian detainee in the Al-Jalboua Israeli prison, who has been detained for 22 years because of his rejection of Israeli occupation (see annex).

It would be greatly appreciated if the present note and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 13 and 66, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 3 July 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the United Nations Secretariat

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As both you and the international community, represented by the United Nations, know, Israel continues to occupy the Syrian Golan in violation of the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations and of hundreds of resolutions adopted by the Security Council and the General Assembly in that regard.

The various Israeli violations of resolutions of international legitimacy and of international law, norms and instruments, including international humanitarian law, are known to all. In the Occupied Syrian Golan, those violations extend to the citizens who have opposed the illegitimate occupation, the illegal colonization and the efforts to change the demographic nature of the Golan. Our citizens in the Golan are subject to extrajudicial imprisonment, detention and torture, which are violations of international instruments and law.

The practices of Israeli Governments in the Occupied Golan, particularly as they relate to prisoners and detainees, are blatant violations of all the Geneva Conventions and of all treaties on prisoners of war and civilian persons living under occupation. Those practices encroach on the rights of the prisoners and detainees and are a flagrant violation of all international and humanitarian norms. We hold the authorities in Israel, the occupying Power, fully responsible for the deterioration in the health of all the detainees, namely Sayṭan Nimr Al-Walī, Bishr Al-Maqat and Ṣidqi Al-Maqat. We would like to remind the United Nations of its role and its legal and humanitarian responsibility to protect our detained Syrian prisoners, especially since the health of the prisoner Bishr Al-Maqat — who recently suffered a heart attack and, consequently, was taken to Al-'Afūlah Hospital where he underwent arterial catheterization — has begun to deteriorate after more than 22 years of detention in the prisons of the Israeli occupation. The Israeli Prisons Authority has deliberately impeded the work of representatives of the Red Cross when they visit those prisoners and detainees. This obliges the United Nations to intervene in order to make Israel fulfil its international commitments in that regard.

My country's delegation calls on you and, through you, the United Nations and its competent bodies to pressure Israel to allow immediately representatives of the Red Cross, accompanied by specialized doctors to provide the required treatment, to visit the prisoner Bishr Al-Maqat and his fellow prisoners in preparation for their immediate release. They have been incarcerated in Israeli jails for approximately 22 years (see annexed list of detainees) and are in extremely poor health. In that regard, we would like to remind you of the similarly inhumane detainment which led to the death of the Syrian prisoner Hayil Abu Zayd just one month after his release from prison in 2005. His release had been secured at that time thanks to the efforts of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

My country's delegation requests that this letter be circulated as an official document of the United Nations and that it be distributed to the President of the General Assembly and the President and members of the Security Council. It should be noted that we brought up the issue of Sayṭan Al-Walī and the other Syrian detainees from the Occupied Syrian Golan with Michael C. Williams, your Special Coordinator for the Middle East Process, during a meeting that took place on

19 January 2007. We also brought to your attention the wretched condition of the Syrian detainees from the Occupied Syrian Golan in Israeli prisons in our letter of 16 January 2006 and in our letter A/61/935-S/2007/325, as well as to the attention of your High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva two years ago.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annexed list of detainees

Name of prisoner	*Date of imprisonment*	*Sentence*
Bishr Sulayman Ahmad Al-Maqat	1985	27 years
Sidqī Sulayman Ahmad Al-Maqat	1985	27 years
Sayṭan Nimr Al-Walī	1985	27 years
ʿĀṣim Mahmūd Al-Walī	1985	27 years
Wiʾām Mahmūd Ammashah	1999	20 years
Shām Kamāl Shams	2003	13 years
Kamīl Sulayman Khāṭir	2001	8 years
Jūlan Samīh Abu Khayr	2006	9 years
Nadīm Farīd Al-Qadmanī	2006	9 years
Luʾay Bihjat Marʾī	2006	9 years
Samīh Samārah	2001	6 years
Muhamınad Abdu As-Shamāly	2003	7 years
Hatim Muhammad Al-Khaṭīb	2003	4 years
Husayn Al-Khaṭīb	2003	4 years
Mahmūd Shaʾbān Al-Khaṭīb	2006	detained

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Annex to the note verbale dated 3 July 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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As both you and the international community, represented by the United Nations, know, Israel continues to occupy the Syrian Golan, in violation of the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations and of hundreds of resolutions adopted by the Security Council and the General Assembly in that regard.

The various Israeli violations of resolutions of international legitimacy and of international law, norms and instruments, including international humanitarian law, are known to all. In the occupied Syrian Golan, those violations extend to the citizens who have opposed the illegitimate occupation, the illegal colonization and the efforts to change the demographic nature of the Golan. Our citizens in the Golan are subject to extrajudicial imprisonment, detention and torture, which are violations of international instruments and law.

The practices of Israeli Governments in the occupied Golan, particularly as they relate to prisoners and detainees, are blatant violations of all the Geneva Conventions and of all treaties on prisoners of war and civilian persons living under occupation. Those practices encroach on the rights of the prisoners and detainees and are a flagrant violation of all international and humanitarian norms. We hold the authorities in Israel, the occupying Power, fully responsible for the deterioration in the health of all the detainees, namely Sayṭan Nimr al-Walī, Bishr al-Maqat and Ṣidqi al-Maqat. We would like to remind the United Nations of its role and its legal and humanitarian responsibility to protect our detained Syrian prisoners, especially since the health of the prisoner Bishr al-Maqat — who recently suffered a heart attack and, consequently, was taken to Al-'Afūlah Hospital, where he underwent arterial catheterization — has begun to deteriorate after more than 22 years of detention in the prisons of the Israeli occupation. The Israeli Prisons Authority has deliberately impeded the work of representatives of the Red Cross when they visit those prisoners and detainees. This obliges the United Nations to intervene in order to make Israel fulfil its international commitments in that regard.

My country's delegation calls on you and, through you, the United Nations and its competent bodies to pressure Israel to allow immediately representatives of the Red Cross, accompanied by specialized doctors to provide the required treatment, to visit prisoner Bishr al-Maqat and his fellow prisoners in preparation for their immediate release. They have been incarcerated in Israeli jails for approximately 22 years (see annexed list of detainees) and are in extremely poor health. In that regard, we would like to remind you of the similarly inhumane detainment that led to the death of Syrian prisoner Hayil Abu Zayd just one month after his release from prison in 2005. His release had been secured at that time thanks to the efforts of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

My country's delegation requests that this letter be circulated as an official document of the United Nations and distributed to the President of the General Assembly and the President and members of the Security Council. It should be noted that we brought up the issue of Sayṭan al-Walī and the other Syrian detainees from the occupied Syrian Golan with Michael C. Williams, your Special Coordinator for the Middle East Process, during a meeting that took place on

19 January 2007. We also brought to your attention the wretched condition of the Syrian detainees from the occupied Syrian Golan in Israeli prisons in our letter of 16 January 2006 and in our letter contained in document A/61/935-S/2007/325, as well as to the attention of your High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva two years ago.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annexed list of detainees

Name of prisoner	*Date of imprisonment*	*Sentence*
Bishr Sulayman Ahmad al-Maqat	1985	27 years
Sidqī Sulayman Ahmad al-Maqat	1985	27 years
Sayṭan Nimr al-Walī	1985	27 years
ʿĀṣim Mahmūd al-Walī	1985	27 years
Wi'ām Mahmūd Ammashah	1999	20 years
Shām Kamāl Shams	2003	13 years
Kamīl Sulayman Khāṭir	2001	8 years
Jūlan Samīh Abu Khayr	2006	9 years
Nadīm Farīd al-Qadmanī	2006	9 years
Lu'ay Bihjat Mar'ī	2006	9 years
Samīh Samārah	2001	6 years
Muhammad Abdu as-Shamāly	2003	7 years
Hatim Muhammad al-Khaṭīb	2003	4 years
Husayn al-Khaṭīb	2003	4 years
Mahmūd Sha'bān al-Khaṭīb	2006	detained

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Letter dated 22 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to refer to your report of 4 June 2007 on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2007/328) and, in particular, to paragraph 28 thereof, concerning the ongoing demolition of Greek Cypriot houses by the Turkish occupation forces in the occupied town of Rizokarpaso without the owners' consent.

While my Government expresses its appreciation for the commendable efforts of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus towards the Turkish side for stopping this illegal practice, we regret to inform you that 80 houses have been demolished so far (see annex) and many others have been paint-marked by the Turkish forces for oncoming demolition. According to information in the Turkish Cypriot press, after the houses of the Greek Cypriots are demolished, the plots of land are offered to settlers from mainland Turkey, in addition to financial assistance for the construction of new houses.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus strongly protests these developments, which constitute a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, which both stipulate with clarity the obligations of an occupying power — in this case of the Republic of Turkey — in the field of property rights. Regrettably, this case would constitute, if it is not prevented, a deplorable addition to a series of similar cases, which demonstrate the direct involvement of Turkey in the unlawful exploitation of Greek Cypriot properties in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its attachment to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**

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Annex to the letter dated 22 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

List of owners of demolished properties in Rizokarpaso, Cyprus

A. Community of Anavrisis

1. Eleni Xontrou (Velounia)
2. Elli Socratous (Mikelli)
3. Zacharias Liasou
4. Agathagellos Chari
5. Nicolas Charpas
6. Dimitris Fragoudis
7. Crhistodoulos M. Parpottas
8. Liasos Fragoudis
9. Eleni Ttoouli Nasari
10. Michails Pitziorris
11. Crhistodoulos K. Parpottas
12. Eleni Pavlou
13. Yiannis Charpas
14. Nicolas Tsikkirou
15. Charls Agathagelou
16. Andreas Chambi
17. Stella Pitrakkou (Petinou)
18. Christina P. Pitakkou
19. Panayis Michaelou
20. Yiannia Poxamatis
21. Neophytos Poyiadjis
22. Thekla Matheou
23. Yiannis Poxamatis
24. Marla Milous
25. Argyroulla Sotiriou
26. Yiannis Thrasivoulou
27. Nicolas Kliris
28. Maria Charidimou

29. Annezou Michall Metaxa
30. Polyxeni Ttokkallou
31. Savvas Matheou
32. Matheos Poylatzis
33. Despo Kolatsi (Mouzouri)
34. Despo Kolatsi (Mouzouri)
35. Evagelos Kolatsis
36. Pantelis Pitrakkou

B. Community of Leko

1. Eleni I. Loizou
2. Kyriaki Tanti (hereditary)
3. Maroulia Chronia (hereditary)
4. Sotira Kayiatou
5. Lambis Solomou (Falas)
6. Zacharias Ttoulouras
7. Michalis Theofanous
8. Stellos Pallikaros
9. Yiannis Klonaros
10. Athina Kattou (Tarza)
11. Andreas Kyamidis (doctor)
12. Flourentza Pamballi
13. Nicolas or Christakis Velounias
14. Pavlos Korkou
15. Crhistodoulos Xiouri
16. Stella Xiouri
17. Stylianos Maroullous
18. Yiannis Maroullous
19. Stylianos Manitaras (Loukias)
20. Dimitris Charou
21. Maria Lazari
22. Andreas X"Panayi
23. Prodromos Prodromou Giorgos
24. Maria Avrami

C. Community of Ayla Trias

1. Maria Z. Vasili (Giogalli)
2. Zacharias A. Koulias
3. Sofia Ktori
4. Androulla Psara (Ilia)
5. Anastasis Yiannikkou
6. Crhistodoulos Synesi
7. Yiannis Yiannikkou
8. Petros Pafitis
9. Petros Koulias
10. Christofis Koulias
11. Stellos Stylianou
12. Vasilis G. Vasili
13. Andriana Saxli
14. Vasilis Stylianou
15. Sofia Ktori
16. Sofia Koulia
17. Andriana Tatzlarou
18. Savvas N. Pafitis
19. Antonis Flourou
20. Maria P. Lefteri (X"Panayi)